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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6405

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, PINT, LA

SUBJECT: LAO TRADE UNION FEDERATION

REF VIENTIANE 1048 (030540Z MAY 76)

1. THE MAY 1 LABOR DAY CELEBRATION IN VIENTIANE (REFTEL) WAS OSTENSIBLY ORGANIZED BY THE LAO TRADE UNION FEDERATION (IN FRENCH "FEDERATION DES SYNDICATS LAO," OR IN LAO "SAHAPAN KAMABAN LAO"). THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERATION, NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN, GAVE THE MAJOR SPEECH. IN HIS SPEECH NOUHAK DESCRIBED THE FEDERATION AS THE "ONLY MASS ORGANIZATION OF LAO WORKERS." HE IMPLIED THAT RATHER THAN CREATE A NEW LABOR ORGANIZATION FOR THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, THE LAO PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY HAD DECIDED TO EXTEND THE ORGANIZATION WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE PART OF LAOS WHICH THE COMMUNISTS CONTROLLED BEFORE MAY 1975 TO INCLUDE WORKERS IN THE FORMER "VIENTIANE SIDE" ZONE.

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2. COMMENT: NOUHAK'S OTHER POSITIONS AS A MEMBER OF  
THE LAO PEOPLE'S REVOLUTIONARY PARTY POLITBURO, DEPUTY  
PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE, SERVE TO  
EMPHASIZE THE SUBORDINATION OF THE LAO TRADE UNION  
MOVEMENT, IF ONE CAN CALL IT THAT, TO THE PARTY AND TO  
THE STATE BUREAUCRACY.  
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